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## Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

Subject of Request: KLAUS BARBIEFOIPA No.                      /190-                    

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Re: Klaus Barbie

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-221892)

DATE: 2/18/72

FROM : LEGAT, LA PAZ (105-122) (P)

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SUBJECT: KLAUS ALTMANN

IS - BOLIVIA (u)

Remylet to the Director, 2/2/72. u

For the information of the Bureau, La Paz press of 2/17/72, reported that French President GEORGES POMPIDOU has sent a "strong" letter to Bolivian President HUGO BANZER SUAREZ concerning the extradition of ALTMANN, who the French claim is identical with World War II Nazi gestapo chief, KLAUS BARBIE. The Bolivian Foreign Ministry in a press statement commented that the government of Bolivia would not be pressured by anyone concerning the ALTMANN case and that a decision would be made on the basis of "Bolivian laws and international agreements." (u) GERMANY BOLIVIA 91

The Bolivian Subsecretary of Immigration, in reaction to recent press reports that ALTMANN had fled to Paraguay, released an official statement denying that ALTMANN left Bolivia or that he was being protected by Bolivian government officials. (u)

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# Nazi Charges Becloud Life Of Bolivian

By JEREMIAH O'LEARY

**LA PAZ, Bolivia** — Somewhere in La Paz, a bald and stocky businessman named Klaus Altmann is under heavy guard while a storybook drama slowly unfolds over the question of whether he is a victim of mistaken identity or a Nazi war criminal wanted for atrocities in France.

France wants Altmann extradited on the claim that he is really Klaus Barbie, an officer of the Gestapo who sent French Jews to the gas chamber and who killed members of the French resistance in Lyon.

A 37-year-old Frenchwoman, Betty Bannier, who is known as the "Nazi hunter," is now in La Paz, reportedly with documents alleging that Altmann is Barbie. She brought with her two older women who she claims can identify Altmann as being Barbie.

Photos of the Nazi Barbie and of Altmann, a naturalized Bolivian citizen, bear a resemblance, allowing for the passage of about 30 years.

But then the story gets complicated, which is a good way of describing the dilemma of the government of President Hugo Banzer Suarez.

Banner does not want to appear in the eyes of the world as a protector of Fascists. His Communist enemies already call him a Fascist and the French press repeatedly presses for the extradition of the man they consider a war criminal.

And Altmann, the man who he was before he came to Bolivia, is married to a Bolivian woman, has Bolivian children and is, in the eyes of the law, now a Bolivian.

The French have no fingerprints of Barbie to match against those of Altmann, but are relying on Bertillon-type identification by measurements of features and on eyewitness identification by those who knew Barbie in wartime France.

No newspaper has gotten near Altmann since he became a cause celebre, but he has denied that he is Barbie.

The question may revolve around whether Altmann obtained his citizenship papers in Bolivia under a false name. But some of those who think he may be the former SS man say it is possible that "Barbie" was his nom de guerre and that Klaus Altmann is his true name.

Altmann came to Bolivia more than 25 years ago, reportedly from Italy via the Middle East, traveling with Red Cross credentials. He is now in the shipping business.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-221892)

DATE: 3/29/72

FROM : LEGAT, LA PAZ (105-122) (P)

SUBJECT: KLAUS ALTMANN  
IS - BOLIVIA

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La Paz press recently carried an article datelined Nice, France, in which "Nazi hunter" Mrs. BEATE KLARSFELD, stated that if Bolivia does not extradite ALTMANN, "We will seek a more radical solution, one which we would be reluctant to use." She reportedly stated that only heavy pressure by the government of France against the government of Bolivia would bring about ALTMANN's extradition. (u) (S) b1

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## Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-221892)

DATE: 5/10/72

FROM : LEGAT, LA PAZ (105-122) (P)

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SUBJECT: KLAUS ALTMANN

IS - BOLIVIA (u)

Remylet dated 3/29/72. (u)

The 5/7/72, issue of "El Diario," a La Paz daily, carried a Latin Press Agency article datelined Sao Paulo, Brazil, which claimed that subject confessed to a Brazilian journalist that he is indeed KLAUS BARBE, the long-sought Nazi gestapo chief in Lyon, France, during World War II. (u) GERMANY

According to the article, the statement was made to a journalist working for "O Estado Do Sao Paulo." This paper has reportedly refused to name the journalist involved or to say when he talked to ALTMANN. The article continued that "O Estado Do Sao Paulo" had been offered exclusive rights to ALTMANN's memoirs and that they had printed nothing of his confession pending final negotiations for the memoirs. (u)

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DATE: 5/26/72

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La Paz press of 5/23/72, carried the first installment of the Latin Press Service release of "O Estado Do Sao Paulo" series entitled, "The Memoirs of Altmann or Barbie," in which ALTMANN is quoted as admitting that he is in fact KLAUS BARBIE. The article quotes ALTMANN as having confessed his role in the detention of French Resistance hero JEAN MOULIN to Bolivian Subsecretary of the Interior JUAN ANTONIO XELIO.

La Paz press of 5/24/72, headlined an Associated Press article which gave details of the May 23 interview with ALTMANN in which ALTMANN acknowledged having used the pseudonym KLAUS BARBIE during World War II. ALTMANN is quoted as stating that he did, in fact, use the pseudonym along with many others and that he did direct a special "SS" force in France. He denied, however, that he had ever been chief of the Gestapo in France or that he was responsible for the atrocities BARBIE had been accused (U)

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TO : Acting Director, FBI (105-221892)

DATE: 7-26-72

FROM : Legat, La Paz (105-122) (P)

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## Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-221892)

DATE: 8-22-72

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FROM : LEGAT, LA PAZ (105-122)(P)

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-221892)

DATE: 10-27-72 ~~SECRET~~

FROM: LEGAT, LA PAZ (105-122)(P)

SUBJECT: KLAUS ALTMANN

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FROM : LEGAT, LA PAZ (105-122) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: KLAUS ALTMANN  
IS - BOLIVIA

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As the Bureau is aware, subject is currently incarcerated in La Paz, Bolivia, pending determination of extradition proceedings. (U)

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It is Legat's opinion that the extradition of subject either to Peru or to France will not be in the near future. The subject holds no ill will toward the present Bolivian government. (U)

In view of the above, Legat is RUCing this case, but the Bureau will be informed of any positive information obtained relative to the subject. (U)

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To : Mr. Monroe *cm/Rur*

Date 3/7/83

From : R. W. Scherrer *Rur*

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Subject: KLAUS BARBIE  
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- 1 - Mr. Stanes
  - 1 - Mr. Young
  - 1 - Mr. Monroe
  - 1 - Mr. Scherrer
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Memorandum from R. W. Scherrer to Mr. Monroe  
Re: KLAUS BARBIE

The FBI maintained a Legal Attache office in La Paz, Bolivia, from early 1971 to 1974, when the office was closed and the territory transferred to the former Buenos Aires office. I was the Legal Attache in Buenos Aires until I returned to domestic assignment in July, 1978. Assistant Director Stanes and retired SA Gerald Grimaldi served as Legal Attaches in La Paz.

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To : Mr. Monroe *DM* ~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED~~ Date 3/9/83

From : L. E. Dean *LD* ~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED~~

Subject : KLAUS BARBIE, AKA ~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED~~  
 KLAUS ALTMANN ~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED~~  
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**PURPOSE:** TO respond to information received from GAO with respect to Klaus Barbie's entry into the United States on three separate occasions.

**RECOMMENDATION:** None. For information only.

APPROVED: *LD*

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**DETAILS:** On 3/7/83, Mr. John Tipton, GAO representative advised that according to information received by him, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) records, more specifically INS Form I-57 (copy attached), indicate that Barbie entered the United States on 7/19/69, 7/26/69 and 1/21/70, at Miami, Florida, using the alias of Klaus Altmann, with diplomatic status. FBIHQ was allegedly advised of each of these entries by INS submission of Form I-57.

A search of our central files under Barbie's true name, as well as his alias, failed to reveal any information concerning these entries into the United States as reported by INS. Further, a check with INS Intelligence, Headquarters, Washington, D.C., INS Regional Offices, Miami, Florida, and Atlanta, Georgia, failed to locate any record in those offices at this time of these entries into the United States. A check of FBI, Miami, indices met with negative results.

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- 1 - Mr. O'Malley (Attn: Mr. Frederick (Enclosure))
- 1 - Mr. Young (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Monroe (Enclosure)
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- 1 - Mr. Dean (Enclosure)
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Memorandum from L. E. Dean to Mr. Monroe, dated 3/8/83.  
Re: Klaus Barbie, Aka  
Klaus Altmann  
Information Concerning

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INS Form I-57 is submitted to FBIHQ for a review of our central files. During the time period indicated (1969-70), these Forms were given a check of our security files only, and if no record was located, the Form was destroyed at FBIHQ. Any pertinent information regarding the individual would have been forwarded to the Intelligence Division (INTD) for appropriate action. INTD does not respond to INS since the Form I-57 is a notification only to the FBI for whatever action we deem appropriate. Any pertinent derogatory information obtained from a review of our central files pertaining to the individual contained on the Form I-57 is forwarded by communication to the interested Field Divisions for investigative purposes. Based upon the information provided to date regarding Barbie, a search of our central records at FBIHQ during 1969 - 70 would not have identified any file references under the alias Klaus Altmann and therefore, no action regarding the I-57 Form would have been taken in connection with these inquiries. *u*

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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PER INSTRUCTIONS OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, BUREAU FULLY COOPERATING IN DOJ INVESTIGATION REGARDING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ALLEGED NAZI WAR CRIMINAL, KLAUS BARBIE, AKA KLAUS H. ALTMANN, AND U.S. GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II.

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RE: KLAUS BARBIE, AKA KLAUS H. ALTMANN, DOJ NAME CHECK MATTER

NOTE: REFERENCE AG MEMO, DATED 3/21/83, CAPTIONED "INVESTIGATION OF KLAUS BARBIE" WHICH INSTRUCTS FULL COOPERATION BY FBI IN THIS INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY CRIMINAL DIVISION, DOJ.



UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation  
Department of Justice

Dear Mr. Webster:

On June 23, 1982, we informed you that the Chairman, House Judiciary Committee, and several Members of Congress had requested us to reopen our review of alleged Nazi war criminals residing in the United States. In connection with our ongoing review, the Chairman by enclosed letter dated February 17, 1983, has requested that we also include as part of our review the allegations surrounding Klaus Barbie. Among the allegations mentioned are that American agents protected Barbie from French officials, assisted his escape to South America and paid him for information on other Nazis and for other "intelligence."

To accomplish this part of the assignment, we need to review any information you may have concerning the individual in question. This would include those documents in your files that were originated by third parties, including other agencies.

This project is being managed by Mr. John Tipton. Should you have any questions concerning the matters herein, Mr. Tipton can be reached on 633-1559. The code number of the assignment is 183535. Similar requests have been provided the Departments of Defense, Justice, and State; the Central Intelligence Agency; and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*W. J. Anderson*

William J. Anderson  
Director

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KLAUS BARBIE

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Reference is made to the letter of William J. Anderson, Director, General Government Division, General Accounting Office (GAO), Washington, D. C., dated March 2, 1983, to Honorable William H. Webster, Director, FBI, Washington, D. C., and enclosing a letter dated February 17, 1983, from Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, to Honorable Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General, GAO, 441 G Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. In his letter to Mr. Bowsher, Mr. Rodino requested the GAO, in connection with their current investigation regarding alleged Nazi war criminals residing in the United States, to conduct a review of documents concerning Gestapo Chief Klaus Barbie who was recently extradited from Bolivia to France. (U)

The central files of this Bureau reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of your inquiry. (U)

On February 2, 1972, our Legal Attache in La Paz, Bolivia, advised that since late January, 1972, La Paz press had given front-page publicity to allegations that one Klaus Altmann, general manager of the Bolivian state-owned Transmaritima Boliviana Corporation, was in fact Klaus Barbie,

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Mr. Moore, Attn: [redacted]

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This report is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division. Fingerprints are necessary for positive check.

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**Klaus Barbie**

the long-sought Nazi Gestapo Chief in Lyon, France, during World War II. Barbie was condemned to death for having ordered the execution of many French resistance fighters, including their leader, Jean Moulin. Altmann, who was 56 years old and a Bolivian citizen since 1957, was in Peru when the allegation was first made public; he returned to La Paz on January 28, 1972. 105-221892-1

On January 28, 1972, Mrs. Beate Klarsfeld, a German national and an official of the International League Against Anti-Semitism and Racism, arrived in La Paz, Bolivia, with numerous documents which she alleged would prove that Altmann was actually Klaus Barbie. 105-221892-1

On January 29, 1972, during a press interview in La Paz, Altmann declined to comment on allegations that he was in fact Klaus Barbie. Altmann stated he would not attempt to flee Bolivia and would fight any attempt to extradite him on the grounds that he was a naturalized Bolivian citizen. (U) 105-221892-1

 Press reports on February 2, 1972, indicated that the Bolivian government was considering the French request for extradition; however, it was noted that an extradition treaty did not exist between France and Bolivia. 105-221892-1

On February 17, 1972, the La Paz press reported that French President Georges Pompidou sent a "strong" letter to Bolivian President Hugh Banzer Suarez concerning the extradition of Klaus Altmann, who the French claimed was identical with World War II Nazi Gestapo Chief Klaus Barbie. (U) 105-221892-2

The Bolivian Foreign Ministry, in a press statement, commented that the government of Bolivia would not be pressured by anyone concerning the Altmann case and that a decision would be made on the basis of "Bolivian laws and international agreements." (U) 105-221892-2

The Bolivian Subsecretary of Immigration, in reaction to press reports that Altmann had fled to Paraguay, released an official statement denying that Altmann had left Bolivia or that he was being protected by Bolivian government officials. (U) 105-221892-2

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An article appearing in the La Paz press datelined Nice, France, quotes the "Nazi hunter" Mrs. Beate Klarsfeld, supra, as stating that if Bolivia did not extradite Altmann, "We will seek a more radical solution, one which we would be reluctant to use." Mrs. Klarsfeld reportedly stated that only heavy pressure by the government of France against the government of Bolivia would bring about Altmann's extradition. (U)

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The May 7, 1972, issue of "El Diario," a La Paz daily newspaper, carried a Latin Press Agency article datelined Sao Paulo, Brazil, which claimed that Klaus Altmann confessed to a Brazilian journalist that he was Klaus Barbie. According to the article, the statement was made to a journalist working for "O Estado Do Sao Paulo," which paper reportedly refused to name the journalist or to say when he talked with Altmann. The article also stated that "O Estado Do Sao Paulo" had been offered exclusive rights to Altmann's memoirs and that they had printed nothing on his confession pending final negotiations for the memoirs. (U) 105-221892-4

On May 23, 1972, the La Paz press carried the first installment of the Latin Press Service release of "O Estado Do Sao Paulo" series entitled "The Memoirs of Altmann or Barbie" in which Altmann was quoted as admitting that he was, in fact, Klaus Barbie. The article quoted Altmann as having confessed his role in the detention of French resistance hero Jean Moulin to Bolivian Subsecretary of Interior Juan Antonio Elio. (U)


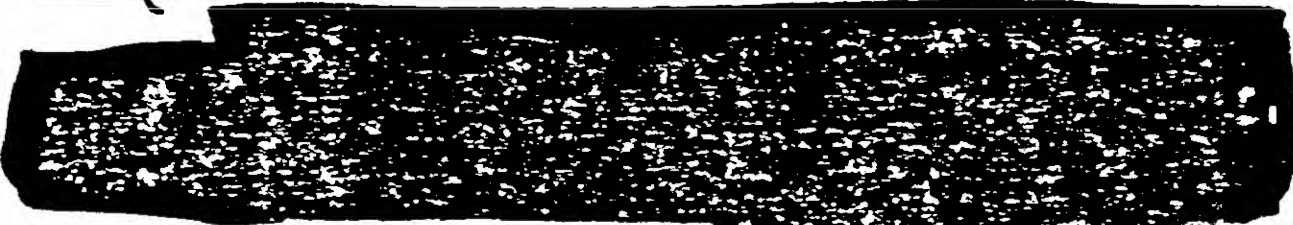

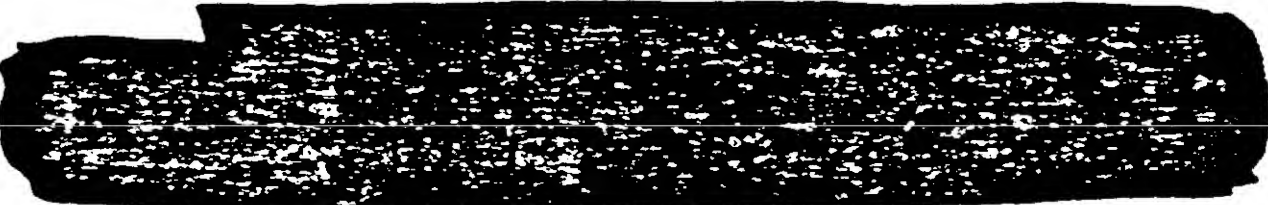
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Klaus Barbie

On May 24, 1972, the La Paz press headlined an Associated Press article which gave details of the May 23, 1972, interview with Altmann in which Altmann acknowledged having used the pseudonym Klaus Barbie during World War II. Altmann was quoted as stating that he did, in fact, use the pseudonym along with many others and that he did direct a special "SS" force in France. Altmann denied that he had ever been Chief of the Gestapo in France or that he was responsible for the atrocities Barbie had been accused. (U) 105-221892-5




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Our files reveal that as of April, 1973, Klaus Altmann was incarcerated in La Paz, Bolivia, where he was awaiting determination of extradition proceedings as well as the fact that Peru was attempting to extradite Altmann (U)

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On September 28, 1972, our San Francisco, California, Office requested that current issues of Lithuanian and Russian language publications "Voice of the Homeland" published by the Soviet Committee on Cultural Relations with Compatriots Abroad be translated from Russian into English. The translation of these Russian publications was completed. On Page 7 of one of these publications was a report by V. Vesensky from Lima, Peru, which dealt with the many "faces of the butcher of Lyon," Klaus Hartmann-Barbie who was hiding out from justice in South America. 100-341862-2597

On July 18, 1973, Radio Panamericana, La Paz, Bolivia, announced that the Bolivian Supreme Court had approved the extradition of Altmann to Peru;

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There is attached one copy each of three newspaper articles appearing in The New York Times and the Evening Star (Washington, D.C.) newspapers in 1972 and 1975 containing information concerning Klaus Barbie. (U)  
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On March 8, 1983, there appeared in "The New York Times," a daily New York newspaper, an article captioned "U.S. Is Reported To Have Evidence That Barbie Visited In '69 and '70," a copy of which is attached. It is stated in this article that evidence of Barbie's visits to the United States (U.S.) was uncovered in February, 1983, when Robert G. Wilson of Vancouver, British Columbia, claimed that Barbie had boasted to him, Wilson, that he, Barbie, had made the visits to the U.S. Robert G. Wilson also claimed that he became Barbie's confidant and biographer in Bolivia in the early 1970's. (U)

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Klaus Barbie

On March 7, 1983, a General Accounting Office (GAO) representative advised the FBI that he had received information that Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) records (Forms I-57) indicated that Barbie had entered the U.S. on July 19 and 26, 1969, and January 21, 1970, at Miami, Florida, using the alias of Klaus Altmann with diplomatic status. The FBI was allegedly advised of each of these entries by INS submissions of Forms I-57. (U)

A search of our central files under Barbie's true name, as well as his alias, Klaus Altmann, failed to reveal any information concerning these entries into the U.S. (U)

The GAO representative further indicated that Klaus Altmann's son, Klaus Georg Altmann, also known as George Altmann, born December 11, 1946, at Casel, Germany, residence address 2035 A.B. Saavedra, La Paz, Bolivia, had also entered the U.S. in August, 1969, and January, 1970. A search of our central files indicate no identifiable information regarding the son. (U)

In February, 1978, Mary Moon, North Hollywood, California, requested through the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOI/PA) information concerning Klaus Barbie in connection with a book she was writing regarding Barbie. In August, 1978, 13 pages of documents were furnished to Moon in connection with this FOI/PA request. Excisions of these documents, which were properly classified, were made to protect an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of another person and protect the identity of an individual who has furnished information to the FBI under confidential circumstances. (U) 190-15342-1,3

By letter dated October 16, 1978

[REDACTED] advised the FBI of Mary Moon's death and returned to the FBI documents furnished Ms. Moon under the FOI/PA. [REDACTED]

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Klaus Barbie

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On February 24, 1983, records of the FBI Identification Division were checked with negative results regarding Klaus Barbie. (U)

You may desire to consult with the Department of State, their Frankfort No. 3790, Control 1216, dated May 3, 1950, regarding Klaus Barbie which may relate to the subject of your inquiry (S)(U) 64-175-232-850

You may desire to consult with the Central Intelligence Agency for information regarding Klaus Altman, in particular their CITE TDFIR DB-315/07430-76 dated July 23, 1976, and CITE TDFIR DB-315/12078/76 dated December 2, 1976.

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NOTE: Reference GAO letter dated 6/23/82 in which the names of 11 alleged Nazi war criminals were submitted for review; C.P. Monroe to Mr. Colwell memo dated 8/2/82 captioned "GAO Inquiry Concerning Admission of Alleged Nazi War Criminals in the U.S."; GAO letter dated 8/26/82 wherein GAO requested 35 additional operations, organizations, and projects were submitted for review; and L.E. Dean to C.P. Monroe memo captioned as above dated 9/13/82 regarding dissemination of FCI data in connection with this project. (U)

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On 9/28/72, our San Francisco Office requested that current issues of Lithuanian and Russian language publications "Voice of the Homeland" be translated into English, which was done and returned to San Francisco on 11/22/72. On 2/25/83, Supervisor [REDACTED] San Francisco, advised that a search of their file concerning these publications failed to locate them. On 2/28/83, Supervisor [REDACTED] secretary advised that the publications, one of which contains an article regarding Klaus Hartmann-Barbie, had not been found. (U) 100-341862-2597

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The GAO representative referred to in the memorandum is Mr. John Tipton. (U)

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Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D. C. 20530

March 21, 1983

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MEMORANDUM TO: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Administrator  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division  
Assistant Attorney General  
Justice Management Division

FROM: William F. Smith *WFS*  
Attorney General

DATE: MAR 21 1983

SUBJECT: Investigation of Klaus Barbie

On March 14, I directed that the Criminal Division conduct a full factual investigation into the relationship between Klaus Barbie, former chief of the Gestapo in Lyon, France, and the United States government from the end of World War II through the present. Allegations had been made that Barbie was used by American intelligence after the war, that American authorities assisted in his escape to Bolivia in 1951, and that Barbie had visited the United States on several occasions in 1969 and 1970. A preliminary inquiry conducted by the Criminal Division concluded that these allegations had sufficient substance to merit a full investigation.

All components of the Department of Justice will cooperate fully in the investigation being conducted by the Criminal Division, which is under the direction of Allan A. Ryan, Jr. acting as Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division.

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The Attorney General

March 21, 1983

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

INVESTIGATION OF KLAUS BARBIE

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

I am in receipt of your memorandum of March 21, 1983, captioned as above, and you may be assured of this Bureau's full cooperation in this investigation. As you may be aware, we have already provided information from our central files concerning Barbie to the Criminal Division's Office of Special Investigations on March 1, 1983, and March 21, 1983, in response to that Office's request of February 18, 1983.

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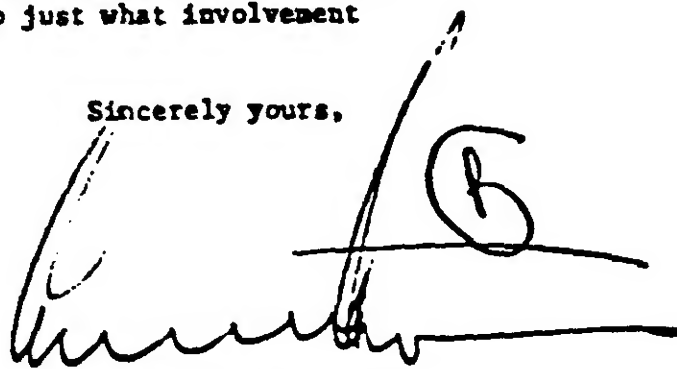
April 1, 1983

Dear Mr. Webster:

Constituents have been in touch with me expressing their concern about news reports that U. S. intelligence agencies provided assistance after World War II to Klaus Barbie, a high-ranking officer of the Nazi party.

These reports do need to be fully addressed, and I would appreciate having your comments as to just what involvement the FBI had in this particular case.

Sincerely yours,



Samuel S. Stratton  
(New York)

Mr. William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

I have received your April 1st letter concerning recent news accounts regarding the possibility that United States intelligence agencies provided assistance to Klaus Barbie, a Nazi war criminal, after World War II.

I hope I have been of some assistance. In view of the ongoing nature of the review, I believe further comment at this time would be inappropriate.

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**William H. Webster**  
**Director**

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GAO, Mr. Anderson advised that GAO reopened its review of alleged Nazi war criminals at the request of Congressman Peter Rodino, Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary, and he requested any information in FBI files concerning Klaus Barbie. Mr. Anderson advised that John Tipton is managing this project at GAO and Tipton should be contacted regarding any questions about the project. Response prepared by Executive Agencies Unit, EMD, and hand delivered to GAO on 3/29/83. A review of the material thus far reviewed shows no relationship between Klaus Barbie and the FBI. Reply coordinated with SA Joe Moore, Executive Agencies Unit, EMD.

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To : Mr. Monroe *AM*

Date 8/25/83

From : L. E. Dean *LD*

Subject : KLAUS BARBIE, ALSO KNOWN AS  
 KLAUS ALTMANN  
 REVIEW OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 REPORT CAPTIONED "KLAUS BARBIE AND THE  
 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT"

**PURPOSE:** To review for the record captioned report.

**RECOMMENDATION:** None. For information.

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**DETAILS:** As previously reported, the Executive Agencies Unit, Records Management Division, has cooperated with an inquiry into allegations that Klaus Barbie had a relationship with U.S. intelligence agencies after World War II and that American Government officials may have assisted in Barbie's relocation to Bolivia in 1951. (u)

By way of background, on February 4, 1983, Klaus Barbie was expelled to France from Bolivia (where he had lived for 32 years) and is under indictment for crimes he allegedly committed during World War II while chief of the Gestapo in Lyon, France. (u)

On March 14, 1983, the Attorney General directed Allan A. Ryan, Jr., Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice (who heads the Department's Office of Special Investigations) to conduct an investigation into the relationship between Klaus Barbie and the U.S. Government from the end of World War II to the present time. (u)

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Memorandum from L. E. Dean to Mr. Monroe  
Re: Klaus Barbie, Also Known As  
Klaus Altmann  
Review of U.S. Department of Justice  
Report Captioned "Klaus Barbie and the  
United States Government"

On August 2, 1983, Mr. Ryan submitted to the Attorney General the results of this investigation in a 218-page report captioned "Klaus Barbie and the United States Government," along with the exhibits to the report. u

A review of this report reveals the following information in reference to the FBI. u

On Introductory Pages V and VI, it is stated that all available records reviewed regarding Klaus Barbie and events in which he was involved were primarily from the U.S. Army, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Department of State (DOS), Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), and the National Archives. In addition, it is stated that "several other agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation ... were asked to search their records, and did so with generally negative results." u

Under Section V, captioned "Barbie in Bolivia," subheading C, captioned "Barbie's Entries into the United States," it is stated that Klaus Barbie, according to INS records, while using the alias Klaus Altmann, entered the United States twice using an A-2 Visa, once in July, 1969, and again in January, 1970. Each time he took a one day trip to the Bahamas. At the time of his trips to the United States, Barbie was manager of the Transmaritima Boliviana, S.A., a Bolivian shipping corporation. u

Under the subheading "INS' Notification to CIA of Altmann's Entries," it is stated that any entrance into the United States by an alien using an "A" visa, such as used by Altmann, is reported to the FBI on INS Form I-57, which is completed by the INS entry official. A copy of the form is furnished to CIA, DOS, and Defense Central Index of Investigations, all of whom are requested to furnish any derogatory subversive information regarding the alien to the FBI. u

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As a Footnote on Page 184, it is stated "The FBI files do not contain the I-57 forms or any other pertinent information on Barbie/Altmann."

Regarding Altmann's entry into the United States, this matter was discussed by L. E. Dean to Mr. Monroe memorandum dated March 10, 1983, (prepared in response to a General Accounting Office inquiry regarding Altmann's entry into the United States) which reported that a check of our central files under Barbie's true name, as well as under his alias, failed to reveal any information concerning his entries into the United States as reported by INS. *u*

No other mention or reference is made to the FBI in this report. *u*

One of the objectives of Mr. Ryan's investigation was to determine whether, in addition to the Counter Intelligence Corps, any other United States intelligence agency had any involvement with Barbie prior to his departure for South America in 1951. No evidence of this nature was developed during the investigation. This report concluded that the United States Government has had no relationship of any kind with Klaus Barbie since he departed from Europe in 1951. *u*

There is attached one copy of the report for your review. *u*

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The Washington Post, 6/7/85

## *Mother of Victims Can't Forgive Barbie*

By Michael Dobbs  
 Washington Post Foreign Service

NICE, France—Tears come to Fortunee Benguigui's eyes as she sorts through the photographs of her three children killed in the gas chambers of Auschwitz by the Nazis.

"Other people forgive," she says slowly as she fumbles for a picture of her oldest son, Jacques, dressed up as a clown and entertaining a group of fellow Jewish schoolchildren. "But I cannot forgive. I suffered to have these children, and I do not want to die before the man who was responsible for their deaths is brought to trial."

About 200 miles away, in the eastern French city of Lyons, Klaus Barbie, a former Nazi SS officer accused of sending Benguigui's children to Auschwitz, sits in an isolated prison cell. He spends much of his time studying Homer's epic masterpiece, "The Iliad," as he prepares for his own trial on charges of crimes against humanity.

The three Benguigui brothers



1982 PHOTO

KLAUS BARBIE  
 ... known as "Butcher of Lyons"

were among 44 Jewish children sent to Nazi death camps after the Gestapo raided their school in the village of Izieu in southwestern France on April 6, 1944. The incident has become central to the state's case against Barbie—who was known as the "Butcher of Lyons" because of his wartime activ-

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# A Barbie Awaits Trial, A Mother Can't Forgive

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ities—and will figure prominently in the trial, which is likely to open toward the end of this year.

The trial will pit the determination of people such as Benguigui to see that justice finally is done against an array of legal, political and historical problems that arise from trying to prosecute someone for crimes committed more than four decades ago.

Public attention has focused on the case because of Barbie's dramatic expulsion from Bolivia in February 1983 after a postwar career that included collaborating with U.S. military intelligence in West Germany. Barbie is regarded by many writers and historians as a case study of a middle-level Nazi functionary who managed to escape from Western Europe after the war only to be brought back to the scene of his alleged crimes as an old man.

After wading through a welter of accusations against Barbie, 72, French investigating magistrates already have been obliged to narrow their case to a few specific charges that qualify as "crimes against humanity." This category excludes his actions against members of the wartime French resistance including their leader, Jean Moulin, whom he allegedly tortured to death in June 1943.

Under French law, Barbie no longer can be prosecuted for "war crimes" committed more than 20 years ago. But he can be charged with crimes against "humanity"—that is, actions against noncombatants—under a special exemption to the penal code adopted in 1964.

The 1964 exemption has enabled Barbie's defense lawyers to complain of "retroactive laws." They also claim that French society is guilty of double standards by pressing charges against Nazi war criminals while amnestying crimes perpetrated by French troops during the bloody, eight-year colonial war in Algeria, which ended in 1962.

"The French forget what they did and think only about what the Germans have done," said Jacques Vergès, Barbie's principal defense lawyer and a former French resistance fighter. "Barbarism existed before Hitler and went on after his death."

The children of Izieu are crucial to the case against Barbie for two reasons. First, they clearly were non-

combatants. Second, there is documentary evidence in the form of a telegram that links their deportation to a decision made by Barbie, then chief of the Gestapo in Lyons.

The telegram, which was produced at the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals in 1946, turned up less than two years ago in the archives of the Jewish documentation center in Paris. Addressed to the Gestapo's department for Jewish affairs in Paris and signed by Barbie, it states that 51 Jewish adults and children "captured" at Izieu on April 6, 1944, would be transported to the concentration camps the next day.

For Serge Klarsfeld, a French lawyer turned Nazi hunter who is representing the families of deportees, the cable is documentary proof of Barbie's complicity in the deportation of Jewish children. He insists that it is irrelevant whether Barbie actually was present at the roundup of the children or their deportation to Auschwitz—a point on which eyewitnesses disagree.

"The decision to send the children to Auschwitz was taken by Barbie," Klarsfeld said. "He claimed credit for it. The telegram also shows that it was a local initiative as it does not refer to any orders."

In order to publicize the case against Barbie, Klarsfeld has prepared a glossy brochure describing how the school at Izieu was closed down and piecing together what became of the children. The brochure includes the text of a letter from Jacques Benguigui, then aged 12, to his mother on May 30, 1943, a year before his deportation.

"Oh Mother, my dear Mother, I know how much you have suffered for me," wrote Jacques just two months before his mother, too, was deported to Auschwitz. "I send you from afar my deepest best wishes from my little child's heart. Mother dear, being far from you, I did my best to make you happy! When you sent me packages, I shared them with those who had no parents."

As Fortune Benguigui recalls the horrors of Auschwitz 40 years ago, the soft Mediterranean sunshine floods through the lace curtains of her apartment. A small, withered lady with an Auschwitz tattoo on her arm, she is still half crippled as the result of horrifying medical experiments conducted upon her by Nazi doctors under the infamous Josef Mengele.

"For someone who wasn't there,

it is impossible to believe what we suffered," Benguigui says softly. "They ripped off people's skins to make wallets. Only those of us who have seen it know what it was like—and we have a duty to talk about it so that it never happens again."

Benguigui's first inkling that something dreadful might have happened to her three children came at Auschwitz when she spotted another Jewish boy wearing what appeared to be Jacques' pullover. "My spirit went dead at that moment," she recalls. Her fears were confirmed after the war when she heard the story of the Gestapo raid on Izieu.

Unlike Benguigui, some parents of children rounded up at Izieu cling to the hope that their loved ones might have survived the Holocaust and are still alive somewhere.

For Klarsfeld, who says his primary concern is with the victims of Nazism rather than their persecutors, it is one more reason that Barbie must be brought to trial.

Jacques Verges, who is organizing Barbie's defense, sees the forthcoming trial as a unique opportunity to expose the hypocrisy of the "bourgeois state." A former Communist who represented Algerian nationalists during the war of independence, he wants to turn the tables on the prosecutors and transform the judicial proceedings into a

trial of French society. Verges has threatened to use the judicial proceedings to unmask prominent French political figures who betrayed the resistance by cooperating with the Nazis during the war. He also has accused the Socialist government of seeking to delay the opening of the trial until after next year's parliamentary elections to avoid any political repercussions.

The defense lawyer's claims of political interference are dismissed by Justice Ministry officials, who insist that preparations for the trial are going ahead of schedule. Although no formal date for the opening of the trial has been set yet, legal sources close to the court expect the case to open in a specially enlarged courtroom in Lyons in November.

Asked to explain why a left-wing lawyer who fought in the French resistance should want to defend a former Nazi, Verges said that he fully realizes that Barbie was not "an angel" but that it was impossible to prove the crimes that he is alleged to have committed. He described the telegram signed by Barbie reporting the deportation of the children of Izieu as "a fake."

"My concern is that by trying to punish a few Nazis we are denying democracy. It's better to let a few Nazis go free 40 years after the war than to deny democracy," he said.



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# More Nazis Reported In Hiding

LONDON (AP)—The Daily Express said yesterday that two agents of a Jewish "avenger squad" on the trail of Joseph Mengele—the hunted Nazi "doctor of death" from the Auschwitz camp—were killed recently at a remote Paraguayan town.

The newspaper claimed in a copyrighted article by Leslie Farago, a reputed spy expert, that Mengele is hiding in the jungle town of Pedro C. Caballero near the Brazilian border.

The article said that in addition to Mengele and Martin Bormann, Hitler's closest aide during World War II, three other senior Nazi officials are still living in South America.

According to the New York Times News Service, the article named them as Frederick Schwend, head of a conspiracy to forge the wartime allies' currency; Klaus Barbie, the "Gestapo butcher of Lyons"; and Odi Walter Ranz, who invented the gas chamber and was "directly responsible for the murder of 25,000 Jews."

The article said the two Jewish agents hunting for Mengele "go as far as the outskirts of the town."

"They were next seen with their throats cut from ear to ear, floating down the Parana River."

The World Jewish Federation of Victims of the Nazi Regime has offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Mengele. The organization holds him responsible for the deaths of a million Jews. He was the physician in charge at Auschwitz.

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# Nazis Safer in South America Today

By JONATHAN RANDALL  
Special to The New York Times

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LA PAZ, Bolivia, May 17—Every afternoon businessmen, Government officials and shopkeepers crowd into the Confraternidad La Paz for a drink or coffee under the motionless overhead fans and the cool breeze.

At 6 P.M. Klaus Barbie, the young bodyguard, joins friends at a corner table and calls for his beer.

Mr. Barbie is in fact Klaus Gumbel, a former SS captain known as "the hangman of Lyons." Twice sentenced to death in absentia by French courts for crimes in World War II, he was accused of torturing and killing scores of Jews in the French Resistance and sending hundreds of Jews to the gas chambers of Auschwitz.

Thirty years have passed since the war. The scores of wanted Nazis who fled to South America, gambling that they could find refuge and anonymity in the widespread German communities here, are virtually immune to the postwar European courts and Jewish agencies that once vowed they would never forget.

His cover, that of an ordinary German emigrant turned Bolivian businessman, served him until three years ago, when it was spectacularly blown. His true identity was unveiled by Dieter Klarsfeld, a German who has devoted himself to tracking down former ranking Nazi officials.

Despite a personal plea for extradition by the late President Georges Pompidou, the Bolivian authorities insisted that the case be decided by the local courts. Last year, the Bolivian Court declared Mr. Barbie from prosecution but extradition treaty entered with France and because Bolivian law exempts citizens of crimes committed more than eight years before apprehension.

Mr. Barbie, now 58 years old, has gained more notoriety than the rest of the protracted court case. There

are other war criminals whose identities and whereabouts are known.

Among them is Walter Rauff, a former SS colonel, who designed and built gas chambers in Auschwitz. He has lived for more than 20 years in Punta Arenas, a small port city, where he runs a profitable fish cannery.

Extradition was refused.

The West German authorities, charging him with the murders of scores of thousands of Jews, failed to gain his extradition. The Chilean Supreme Court, citing reasons similar to those in the Barbie case, declared him free from prosecution in the nineteen-sixties. The Marxist Government of the late President Salvador Allende Gossens declined to reopen the case.

In the aftermath of the 1973 military coup against Dr. Allende, opponents of the junta have charged that Mr. Rauff, now in his 70's, has served the new Government as an adviser to the secret police. The Jewish community, human-rights lawyers and clergymen concerned with political prisoners have strongly denied such accusations.

Alfred Wilhelm, a former SS captain, was sentenced to death in absentia by a Dutch court for war atrocities, has lived for more than two decades in Ecuador, where he reportedly served as a police captain before becoming a businessman.

Frederic Schwend, a diabetic, now in his 60's, has lived in a secluded mansion on the outskirts of Lima, Peru, since ar-

rive in the late nineteen-forties with a Yugoslav passport. He is accused of having headed a wartime German effort to distribute \$500-million worth of British currency counterfeited by inmates of Nazi concentration camps.

Mr. Schwend recently served a jail sentence in Lima for illegal money exchange. Mr. Barbie, who has been a houseguest of Mr. Schwend, was also accused by the Peruvian police, but hurried back to Bolivia, whose authorities declined to extradite him to Peru.

Views Have Altered Little

Nowadays Mr. Barbie declines interviews, but after his identification he made it clear that his views have changed little.



Klaus Barbie

"The mass killings of the war constituted a grave error," he said two years ago. "Many of us SS officers believed that the Jews could have been put to better use building roads to facilitate the advance of our troops."

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Walter Rauff listens to radio at his home in southern Chile. He designed the gas chambers at Auschwitz.

His friends—and they are numerous in Bolivia—discount atrocities as a natural aberration of war.

"In a war you do not walk around with white gloves," said assistant Carrion. Mr. Barbie's Bolivian lawyer. "You kill many people as you have to."

Germans like Mr. Altman were simply doing their duty."

Mr. Carrion, an aged man huddled in an overcoat, made it clear that he gladly accepted Mr. Barbie's defense as a respite from the usual criminal cases.

"He is a very responsible, cultured person," said the lawyer, "a first-class citizen. The French Government must have thought this was a little country that it could manipulate at will. I took the case to defend the sovereignty of Bolivia."

#### Photo of Woodrow Wilson

Pointing to a framed photograph of Woodrow Wilson on the wall, he said: "That was a great man. He understood what human rights and international justice were about."

Mr. Barbie and his wife and two children arrived in Bolivia in 1951 with immigration visas supplied by the Bolivian Consulate in Genoa, Italy. He had remained for a few months in Argentina, where President

friends the company is near bankruptcy.

During his years as Altman, Mr. Barbie made no secret of the fact that he had been a member of the Gestapo, but he asserted that he had served on the Russian front.

#### 'Heil Hitler' as the Club

In March, 1966, he was the protagonist of a still-celebrated incident in the German Club here. When the West German Ambassador led a toast to the prosperity of his country, Mr. Barbie raised his arm in salute and shouted: "Heil Hitler!"

The Ambassador asked that Mr. Barbie be escorted out. As he was pulled away by three waiters he screamed: "Damned Ambassador! I was an officer of the Gestapo, and when the party rises again I am going to settle some accounts with you."

The high point in the search for Nazi war criminals in South America was reached in 1961, when Israeli agents kidnapped Adolf Eichmann from Argentina.

Israeli diplomats and Jewish community leaders doubt a repetition. For one thing they cite declining interest in the

apprehension of Nazi war criminals, with the exception of Martin Bormann, Hitler's friend in a sawmill business deputy, and Josef Mengele, the concentration camp doctor who conducted sadistic "medical experiments" on thousands of Jews, which leased vessels that most yearly there are spectacular

accounts of the discovery of the two men, but none have been borne out.

"The moral pressures that could be brought to bear against a government to use extraordinary legal measures to extradite a war criminal have disappeared over the years," said an Israeli diplomat in a Latin-American country bordering Bolivia. Other diplomatic and Jewish sources noted that the repercussions of another Eichmann affair would outweigh the gains.

#### Declining Moral Pressure

The Eichmann kidnapping led to the cancellation of an air route to Argentina for El Al, the Israeli airline, and other signs of displeasure from the Argentine Government, and there was a brief but virulent anti-Semitic campaign, which unsettled Argentina's 800,000 Jews, the largest Jewish community in Latin America.

With an increasing number of countries withdrawing diplomatic recognition from Israel under Arab pressure, there is a disinclination to get involved in controversial issues of marginal importance to Israeli interests.

"Israel and the Jews have too many other problems now," said Wolfgang Apt, a lawyer who is president of the small Jewish community in La Paz. "I am not saying that people should forget, but how long can we harp on the same subject?"

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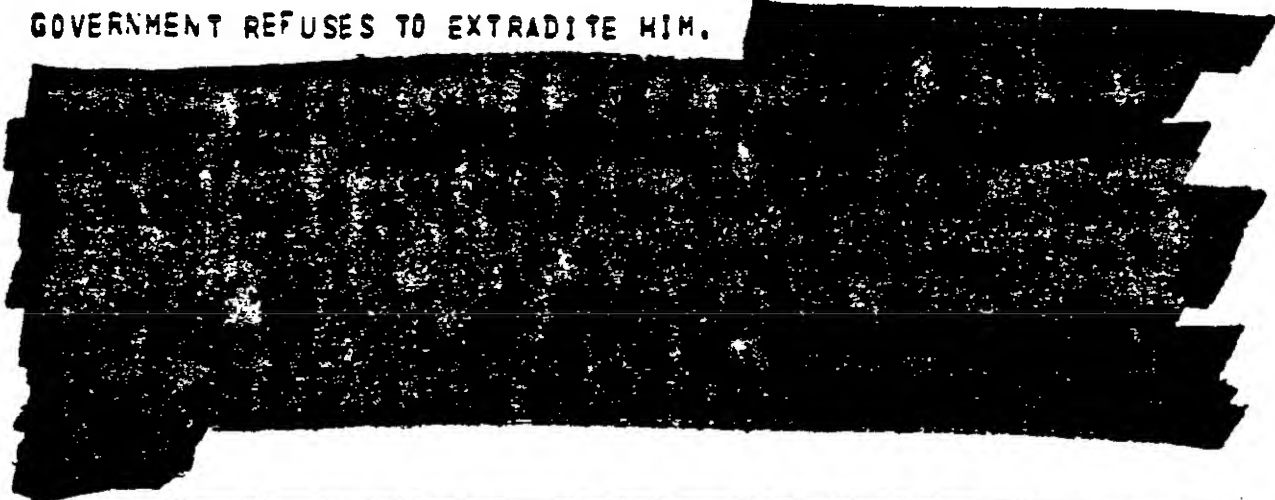
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U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20530

February 18, 1983

Joseph C. <sup>Jen</sup>Moore, Jr.  
Chief, Executive Branch Agencies Unit  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Moore:

Assistant Attorney General D. Lowell Jensen has asked that this Office conduct a preliminary inquiry into allegations that Klaus Barbie had a relationship with U.S. intelligence agencies after World War II and that American government officials may have assisted Barbie's relocation to Bolivia in 1951. Included within this inquiry is the question of whether Barbie has had any relationship with the U.S. intelligence community since 1951.

Barbie was the Chief of the Gestapo in Lyon, France, from 1942 to 1944. He was born October 26, 1913, at Bad Godesberg, Germany.

To assist us in this inquiry, I request that the FBI make available to us any files, documents or other information in its possession concerning Barbie. Please call me directly at 633-2502 to arrange appropriate meetings and opportunity for review of pertinent information. This is a matter of some priority within the Criminal Division, and we will be grateful for any assistance that you or your staff can render.

Sincerely,

*Allan A. Ryan, Jr.*

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*Summary*

This document is classified "Secret" in its entirety unless otherwise noted (U)

Reference is made to the letter of Allan A. Ryan, Jr., Director, Office of Special Investigations, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, dated February 18, 1983, wherein he requests the FBI make available any files, documents, or other information concerning Klaus Barbie, born October 26, 1913, at Bad Godesberg, Germany.

The central files of this Bureau reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of your inquiry. (U)

On February 2, 1972, our Legal Attache in La Paz, Bolivia, advised that since late January, 1972, La Paz press had given front-page publicity to allegations that one Klaus Altmann, general manager of the Bolivian state-owned Transmaritima Boliviana Corporation, was in fact Klaus Barbie, the long-sought Nazi Gestapo Chief in Lyon, France, during World War II. Barbie was condemned to death for having ordered the execution of many French resistance fighters including their leader, Jean Moulin. Altmann, who was 58 years old and a Bolivian citizen since 1957, was in Peru when the allegation was first made public; he returned to La Paz on January 28, 1972 (U) 105-221892-162-118313-112

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On January 28, 1972, Mrs. Beate Klarsfeld, a German national and an official of the International League Against Anti-Semitism and Racism, arrived in La Paz, Bolivia, with numerous documents which she alleged would prove that Altmann was actually Klaus Barbie. (U) 105-221892-1

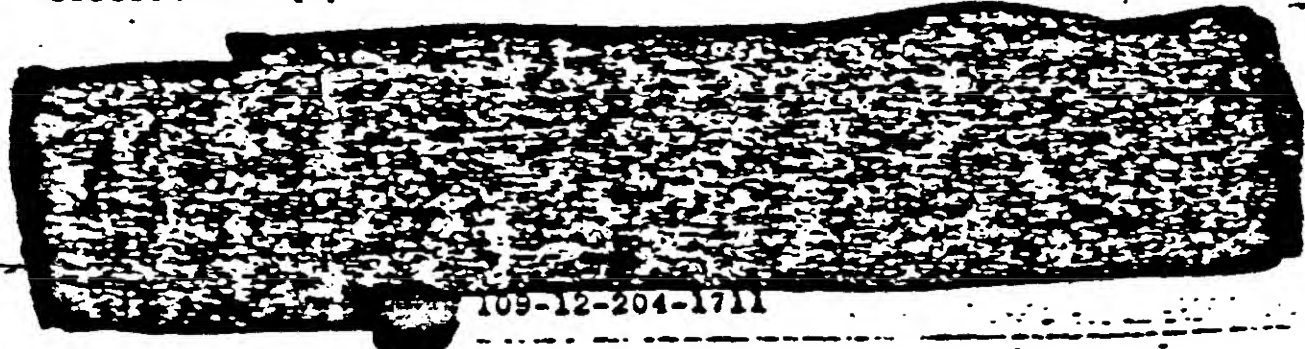
On January 29, 1972, during a press interview in La Paz, Altmann declined to comment on allegations that he was in fact Klaus Barbie. Altmann stated he would not attempt to flee Bolivia and would fight any attempt to extradite him on the grounds that he was a naturalized Bolivian citizen. (U) 105-221892-1

 Press reports on February 2, 1972, indicated that the Bolivian government was considering the French request for extradition; however, it was noted that an extradition treaty did not exist between France and Bolivia. 105-221892-1 b1

On February 17, 1972, the La Paz press reported that French President Georges Pompidou sent a "strong" letter to Bolivian President Hugh Banzer Suarez concerning the extradition of Klaus Altmann, who the French claimed was identical with World War II Nazi Gestapo Chief Klaus Barbie. (U) 105-221892-2

The Bolivian Foreign Ministry, in a press statement, commented that the government of Bolivia would not be pressured by anyone concerning the Altmann case and that a decision would be made on the basis of "Bolivian laws and international agreements." (U) 105-221892-2

The Bolivian Subsecretary of Immigration, in reaction to press reports that Altmann had fled to Paraguay, released an official statement denying that Altmann had left Bolivia or that he was being protected by Bolivian government officials. (U) 105-221892-2

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The above information was relayed by FBI teletype to the Attorney General and the White House on March 6, 1972.  
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An article appearing in the La Paz press datelined Nice, France, quotes the "Nazi hunter" Mrs. Beate Klarsfeld, supra, as stating that if Bolivia did not extradite Altmann, "We will seek a more radical solution, one which we would be reluctant to use." Mrs. Klarsfeld reportedly stated that only heavy pressure by the government of France against the government of Bolivia would bring about Altmann's extradition. (U)  
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The May 7, 1972, issue of "El Diario," a La Paz daily newspaper, carried a Latin Press Agency article datelined Sao Paulo, Brazil, which claimed that Klaus Altmann confessed to a Brazilian journalist that he was Klaus Barbie. According to the article, the statement was made to a journalist working for "O Estado Do Sao Paulo," which paper reportedly refused to name the journalist or to say when he talked with Altmann. The article also stated that "O Estado Do Sao Paulo" had been offered exclusive rights to Altmann's memoirs and that they had printed nothing on his confession pending final negotiations for the memoirs. (U) 105-221892-4

On May 23, 1972, the La Paz press carried the first installment of the Latin Press Service release of "O Estado Do Sao Paulo" series entitled "The Memoirs of Altmann or Barbie" in which Altmann was quoted as admitting that he was, in fact, Klaus Barbie. The article quoted Altmann as having confessed his role in the detention of French resistance hero Jean Moulin to Bolivian Subsecretary of Interior Juan Antonio Elio. (U)  
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On May 24, 1972, the La Paz press headlined an Associated Press article which gave details of the May 23, 1972, interview with Altmann in which Altmann acknowledged having used the pseudonym Klaus Barbie during World War II. Altmann was quoted as stating that he did, in fact, use the pseudonym along with many others and that he did direct a special "SS" force in France. Altmann denied that he had ever been Chief of the Gestapo in France or that he was responsible for the atrocities Barbie had been accused. (U) 105-221892-5

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Our files reveal that as of April, 1973, Klaus Altmann was incarcerated in La Paz, Bolivia, where he was awaiting determination of extradition proceedings as well as the fact that Peru was attempting to extradite Altmann. (u)  
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On September 26, 1972, our San Francisco, California, Office requested that current issues of Lithuanian and Russian language publications "Voice of the Homeland"

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published by the Soviet Committee on Cultural Relations with Compatriots Abroad be translated from Russian into English. The translation of these Russian publications was completed. On Page 7 of one of these publications was a report by V. Vesensky from Lima, Peru, which dealt with the many "faces of the butcher of Lyon," Klaus Hartmann-Barbie who was hiding out from justice in South America (U) 100-341862-2597

On July 18, 1973, Radio Panamericana, La Paz, Bolivia, announced that the Bolivian Supreme Court had approved the extradition of Altmann to Peru; [REDACTED] b1

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On February 24, 1983, records of the FBI Identification Division were checked with negative results regarding Klaus Barbie on the basis of information furnished (U)

There is attached one copy each of three newspaper articles appearing in The New York Times and the Evening Star (Washington, D.C.) newspapers in 1972 and 1975 containing information concerning Klaus Barbie. (U)

105-221892-A; 109-12-201-A; 64-175-306-A

You may desire to consult with the Department of State, their Frankfort No. 3790, Control 1216, dated May 3, 1950, regarding Klaus Barbie which may relate to the subject of your inquiry (S) 64-175-232-850 (U)

You may desire to consult with the Central Intelligence Agency for information regarding Klaus Altman, in particular their CITE TDFIR DB-315/07430-76 dated July 23, 1976, and CITE TDFIR DB-315/12078/76 dated December 2, 1976. (S) (U)


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NOTE: Reference D. Ryan to Mr. Bailey memo, dated August 9, 1979, and captioned "Name Check Assistance to Office of Special Investigations, Department of Justice, Relative to Alleged Nazi War Criminals," in which procedures for providing name check assistance to Office of Special Investigations, Department of Justice, were set forth. This project involves alleged Nazi war criminals residing in the United States (u)



On 9/28/72, our San Francisco Office requested that current issues of Lithuanian and Russian language publications "Voice of the Homeland" be translated into English, which was done and returned to San Francisco on 11/22/72. On 2/25/83, Supervisor [redacted] San Francisco, advised that a search of their file concerning these publications failed to locate them. On 2/28/83, Supervisor [redacted] secretary advised that the publications, one of which contains an article regarding Klaus Hartmann-Barbie, had not been found (u)

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# More Nazis Reported In Hiding

LONDON (AP)—The Daily Express said yesterday that two agents of a Jewish "avenger squad" on the trail of Josef Mengele—the hunted Nazi "doctor of death" from the Auschwitz camp—were killed recently at a remote Paraguayan town.

The newspaper claimed in a copyrighted article by Leslie Farago, a reputed spy expert, that Mengele is hiding in the jungle town of Pedro C. Caballero near the Brazilian border.

The article said that in addition to Mengele and Martin Bormann, Hitler's closest aide during World War II, three other senior Nazi officials are still living in South America.

According to the New York Times News Service, the article named them as Frederick Schreyer, head of a conspiracy to forge the wartime allies' currency; Klaus Barbie, the "Gestapo butcher of Lyons"; and Col Walter Baum, who invented the gas chamber and was "directly responsible for the murder of 25,000 Jews."

The article said the two Jewish agents hunting for Mengele "go as far as the outskirts of the town."

"They were seen with their throats cut from ear to ear, floating down the Parana River."

The World Jewish Federation of Victims of the Nazi Regime has offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Mengele. The organization holds him responsible for the deaths of a million Jews. He was the physician in charge at Auschwitz.

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- The Washington Post \_\_\_\_\_
- Times Herald \_\_\_\_\_
- The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
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# Nazi Charges Becloud Life Of Bolivian

By JEREMIAH O'LEARY

Star Staff Writer

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Somewhere in La Paz, a bald and sixtyish businessman named Klaus Altmann is under heavy guard while a storybook drama slowly unfolds over the question of whether he is a victim of mistaken identity or a Nazi war criminal wanted for atrocities in France.

France wants Altmann extradited on the claim that he is really Klaus Barbie, an officer of the Gestapo who sent French Jews to the gas chamber and who killed members of the French resistance in Lyons.

A 35-year-old Frenchwoman, Beatrice Margfield, who is known as the "Nazi hunter," is now in La Paz, reportedly with documents alleging that Altmann is Barbie. She brought with her two older women who she claims can identify Altmann as being Barbie.

Photos of the Nazi Barbie and of Altmann, a naturalized Bolivian citizen, bear a resemblance, allowing for the passage of about 20 years.

But when the story gets complicated, which is a good way of describing the dilemma of the government of President Hugo Banzer Suarez.

Banzer does not want to appear in the eyes of the world as a protector of Fascists. His Communist enemies already call him a Fascist and the French press repeatedly presses for the extradition of the man they consider a war criminal.

And Altmann, no matter who he was before he came to Bolivia, is married to a Bolivian woman, has Bolivian children and is, in the eyes of the law, now a Bolivian.

The French have no fingerprints of Barbie to match against those of Altmann, but are relying on Bertillon-type identification by measurements of features and on eyewitness identification by those who knew Barbie in wartime France.

No newsmen has gotten near Altmann since he became a cause celebre, but he has denied that he is Barbie.

The question may revolve around whether Altmann obtained his citizenship papers in Bolivia under a false name. But some of those who think he may be the former SS man say it is possible that "Barbie" was his nom de guerre and that Klaus Altmann is his true name.

Altmann came to Bolivia more than 25 years ago, reportedly from Italy via the Middle East, traveling with Red Cross credentials. He is now in the shipping business.

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# Nazis Safer in South America Today

By JONATHAN KANDELL

Special to The New York Times

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LA PAZ, Bolivia, May 17—Every afternoon businessmen, government officials and shopkeepers crowd into the Constitucion La Paz for a drink or coffee under the motionless overhead fans and dim neon lights.

At 8 P.M. a tall, dark, bald man with a thin mustache arrives with his bodyguard, joins friends at a corner table and calls for beer.

Mr. Krumpholtz is in fact Klaus Barbie, the German-born SS colonel known as "the hanged man of Lyons." Twice sentenced to death, he absconded to South America for crimes during World War II. He was accused of torturing and killing scores of French Resistance and sending hundreds of Jews to the gas chambers.

Thirty years have passed since the war. The scores of Nazis who fled to South America, gambling that they could find refuge and anonymity in the widespread German communities here, are virtually immune to the postwar Spanish courts and Jewish claims that once vowed they would never forget.

The cover, that of an Argentine-born German emigrant turned Bolivian businessman, served him well until three years ago, when his spectacularly blown. His identity was unveiled by a German, a German who devoted himself to tracking down former ranking Nazi officials.

Despite a personal plea for extradition by the late President Georges Pompidou, the Bolivian authorities insisted that the case be decided by the local courts. Last year, the Bolivian Supreme Court declared Mr. Barbie from prosecution because of an extradition treaty signed with France and because Bolivian law exonerates citizens of crimes committed more than eight years before apprehension.

Mr. Barbie, now 58 years old, has gained more notoriety than the rest of the world's protracted case. There are other war criminals whose identities and whereabouts are known.

Among them is Walter Rauff, a former SS colonel, who designed and built gas chambers in Auschwitz. He has lived for more than 20 years in Punta Arenas, Chile, where he runs a profitable fish cannery.

Extradition was refused. The West German authorities, charging him with the murders of scores of thousands of Jews, failed to gain his extradition. The Chilean Supreme Court, citing reasons similar to those in the Barbie case, declared him free from prosecution in the nineteen-sixties. The Marxist Government of the late President Salvador Allende Gossens declined to reopen the case.

In the aftermath of the 1973 military coup against Dr. Allende, opponents of the junta have charged that Mr. Rauff, now in his 70's, has served the new Government as an adviser to the secret police. The Jewish community, human-rights lawyers and clergymen concerned with political prisoners have strongly denied such accusations.

Alfred Wilhelm Katzenbach, a former SS captain who was sentenced to death in absentia by a Dutch court for war atrocities, has lived for more than two decades in Ecuador, where he reportedly served as a police captain before becoming a businessman.

Frederic Schwend, a diabetic boy in his 60's, has lived in a secluded mansion on the outskirts of Lima, Peru, since arriving in the late nineteen-forties with a Yugoslav passport. He is accused of having headed a wartime German effort to distribute \$500-million worth of British currency counterfeited by inmates of Nazi concentration camps.

Mr. Schwend recently served a jail sentence in Lima for illegal money exchange. Mr. Barbie, who has been a houseguest of Mr. Schwend, was also accused by the Peruvian police, but turned back to Bolivia, whose authorities declined to extradite him to Peru.

Views Have Altered Little. Nowadays, Mr. Barbie declines interviews, but after his identification, he made it clear that his views have changed little.



Klaus Barbie

The mass killings of the war constituted a grave crime," he said two years ago. "Many of us SS officers believed that the Jews could have been put to better use building roads to facilitate the advance of our troops."

- The Washington Post \_\_\_\_\_
- Washington Star-News \_\_\_\_\_
- Daily News (New York) \_\_\_\_\_
- The New York Times 1776
- The Wall Street Journal \_\_\_\_\_
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Walter Rauff listens to radio at his home in southern Chile. He designed the gas chambers at Auschwitz.

His friends—and they are numerous in Bolivia—discount his atrocities as a natural aberration of war.

"In a war you do not walk around with white gloves," said Constantino Carrón, Mr. Barbie's Bolivian lawyer. "You kill as many people as you have to."

German like Mr. Altmann were simply doing their duty."

Mr. Carrón, an aged man huddled in an overcoat, made it clear that he gladly accepted Mr. Barbie's defense as a respite from the usual criminal cases.

"He is a very responsible, cultured person," said the lawyer, "a first-class citizen. The French Government must have thought this was a little country that it could manipulate at will. I took the case to defend the sovereignty of Bolivia."

Photo of Woodrow Wilson

Pointing to a framed photograph of Woodrow Wilson on the wall, he said: "That was a great man. He understood what human rights and international justice were about."

Mr. Barbie and his wife and two children arrived in Bolivia in 1951 with immigration visas supplied by the Bolivian Consulate in Genoa, Italy. He had remained for a few months in Argentina, where President

friends the company is near bankruptcy.

During his years as Altmann, Mr. Barbie made no secret of the fact that he had been a member of the Gestapo, but he asserted that he had served on the Russian front.

#### 'Heil Hitler' as the Club

In March, 1966, he was the protagonist of a still-celebrated incident in the German Club here. When the West German Ambassador led a toast to the prosperity of his country, Mr. Barbie raised his arm in salute and shouted: "Heil Hitler!"

The Ambassador asked that Mr. Barbie be escorted out. As he was pulled away by three waiters he screamed: "Damned Ambassador! I was an officer of the Gestapo, and when the party rises again I am going to settle some accounts with you."

The high point in the search for Nazi war criminals in South America was reached in 1961, when Israeli agents kidnapped Adolf Eichmann from Argentina.

Israeli diplomats and Jewish community leaders doubt a repetition. For one thing they cite declining interest in the apprehension of Nazi war criminals, with the exception of Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy, and Josef Mengele, the concentration camp doctor who conducted sadistic "medical experiments" on thousands of Jews.

The former SS colonel quickly achieved a comfortable living by joining German and Bolivian friends in a sawmill business. In recent years he became general manager of a shipping concern, Transmaritima Boliviana, which leased vessels that carried imports to Chilean ports and from there overland to Bolivia. According to his

lar accounts of the discovery of the two men, but none have been borne out.

"The moral pressures that could be brought to bear against a government to use extraordinary legal measures to extradite a war criminal have disappeared over the years," said an Israeli diplomat in a Latin-American country bordering Bolivia. Other diplomatic and Jewish sources noted that the repercussions of another Eichmann affair would outweigh the gains.

#### Declining Moral Pressure

The Eichmann kidnapping led to the cancellation of an air route to Argentina for El Al, the Israeli airline, and other signs of displeasure from the Argentina Government, and there was a brief but virulent anti-Semitic campaign, which unsettled Argentina's 600,000 Jews, the largest Jewish community in Latin America.

With an increasing number of countries withdrawing diplomatic recognition from Israel under Arab pressure, there is a disinclination to get involved in controversial issues of marginal importance to Israeli interests.

"Israel and the Jews have too many other problems now-a-days," said Wolfgang Apt, a small Jewish community lawyer who is president of the Jewish community in La Paz. "I am not saying that people should forget, but how long can we harp on the same subject?"

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Florida, using the alias of Klaus Altmann with diplomatic status. The FBI was allegedly advised of each of these entries by INS submissions of Forms I-57. (U)

A search of our central files under Barbie's true name, as well as his alias, Klaus Altmann, failed to reveal any information concerning these entries into the U.S. (U)

The GAO representative further indicated that Klaus Altmann's son, Klaus Georg Altmann, also known as George Altmann, born December 11, 1946, at Casel, Germany, residence address 2035 A.B. Saavedra, La Paz, Bolivia, had also entered the U.S. in August, 1969, and January, 1970. A search of our central files indicate no identifiable information regarding the son. (U)

In February, 1978, Mary Moon, North Hollywood, California, requested through the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOI/PA) information concerning Klaus Barbie in connection with a book she was writing regarding Barbie. In August, 1978, 13 pages of documents were furnished to Moon in connection with this FOI/PA request. Excisions of these documents, which were properly classified, were made to protect an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of another person and protect the identity of an individual who has furnished information to the FBI under confidential circumstances. (U) 100-15342-1,3

By letter dated October 16, 1978, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the FBI of Mary Moon's death and returned to the FBI documents furnished Ms. Moon under the FOI/PA [REDACTED] b7C

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NOTE: Reference D. Ryan to Mr. Bailey memo dated 8/9/79 and captioned "Name Check Assistance to Office of Special Investigations, Department of Justice, Relative to Alleged Nazi War Criminals," in which procedures for providing name check assistance to Office of Special Investigations were set forth. This project involves alleged Nazi war criminals residing in the U.S. (U)

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The GAO representative referred to in the memorandum is Mr. John Tipton. (U)

# U.S. Is Reported to Have Evidence That Barbie Visited in '69 and '70

By RALPH BLUMENTHAL  
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 7 — The Justice Department has found evidence to support a report that Klaus Barbie, a former Gestapo officer twice convicted as a Nazi war criminal, made several trips to the United States from his Bolivian refuge in 1969 and 1970, according to Federal officials and Congressional investigators.

However, the officials said, Attorney General William French Smith, after being advised of the findings, ruled out further Justice Department action last week on the grounds that no prosecution was likely to result and that historical inquiry was not the job of his agency. The findings were said to be that Government immigration and other records confirmed three or four trips by Mr. Barbie under the pseudonym Klaus Altmann to Miami and New Orleans in 1969 and 1970.

Representative Peter W. Rodino Jr., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, wrote to Attorney General Smith last week to ask for an investigation of reports that Mr. Barbie was protected after the war by American intelligence agencies. Nine other members of Congress made a similar appeal to President Reagan.

## Gestapo Chief in Lyons

The 58-year old Mr. Barbie, who was the Gestapo chief in Lyons, France, from 1942 to 1944, was twice convicted and sentenced to death in absentia by French courts on war crimes charges in the 1950's. He was expelled from Bolivia and returned to France on Feb. 6 to face trial in wartime mass murders.

[His poor health is expected to delay the trial. The Associated Press reported. It said Mr. Barbie was recovering in a Lyons hospital after a

hernia operation Sunday. He was also said to have a nervous complaint and kidney problems.]

The evidence of Mr. Barbie's visits to the United States was said to have been turned up after accounts last month by a Vancouver man that Mr. Barbie had boasted to him of such travels.

The Canadian, Robert G. Wilson, an ex-convict who said he became Mr. Barbie's confidant and biographer in Bolivia in the early 1970's, said in interviews that the Nazi fugitive asserted that he had visited New Orleans, San Francisco, Houston and Galveston, Tex. Mr. Wilson played tape recordings of what he said was Mr. Barbie's voice making some of those claims.

## Entry Record for Klaus Altmann

Last month a spokesman for the Justice Department's Immigration and Naturalization Service said a quick check showed no evidence to support the assertions. But according to authoritative law enforcement officials, a later check of files showed an entry record at Miami for Klaus Altmann from Bolivia in 1969.

It was not until 1971 that Mr. Barbie's presence as Klaus Altmann in Bolivia was first publicly exposed by Beate Klarsfeld, an archivist of Nazi crimes.

A Federal official said the visits appeared to have related to Mr. Barbie's business as co-owner of Transmaritima Boliviana, the Government-sponsored shipping company.

French Government documents of 1963 recently reprinted in a Paris newspaper identified Mr. Barbie as purportedly working for the Central Intelligence Agency and the West German intelligence agency.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (Attn: Terrorism Section, CID)

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (163C-287) (RUC)

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 FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION;  
 (OO:FBIHQ)

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Re tel to Acting Director from Legat Paris dated July 15, 1987.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original and five copies of a self-explanatory LHM; two copies of which should be furnished to Legat Paris.

Special Agents of FBI conducting investigation concerning captioned matter are SA [redacted] and [redacted] b7C

Indices checked at SU Division are General indices, FOIMS, Elsur, and Confidential.

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 LOGAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, 45 West 200 North, Logan, Utah, telephone (801) 752-8140; and [redacted]

[redacted] CACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 50 West 200 North, Logan, Utah, telephone (801) 752-3235, were contacted by the Agents. Both the LOGAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT and the CACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE agreed to dissemination of any information concerning captioned subject. b7C

Inasmuch as all [redacted] investigation in this matter has been completed under this matter RUC.

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Attn: [redacted] Intd. Liaison Unit, Rm. 4847.

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The following investigation was conducted at  
Salt Lake City, Utah:

On July 20, 1987:

Inquiry into the U.S. Post Office Directory revealed  
no city by the name of Hoagan, Utah, but did list Logan,  
Utah.

Telephone directory assistance revealed no listing  
for [REDACTED] b7C

Utah computerized driver's license inquiry revealed  
no driver's license issued to [REDACTED] b7C

POLK'S CITY DIRECTORY for Logan, Utah, 1986 edition,  
revealed no telephone number or subscriber information  
for [REDACTED] b7C

Salt Lake City Division, FBI, indices revealed  
no record for [REDACTED]

On July 21, 1987:

Physical surveillance at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] revealed [REDACTED] and that the house  
may be a multiple family dwelling. b7C

Computerized motor vehicle "Title/Registration"  
revealed that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was the owner of [REDACTED] b7C

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Inquiries with LOGAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, 45 West 200 North, Logan, Utah, telephone (801) 752-8140; and CACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 50 West 200 North, Logan, Utah, telephone (801) 752-3235, revealed no records on file for [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] b7C  
Salt Lake City Division indices revealed no record on file for [REDACTED] b7C

Investigation revealed that the owner of [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] Telephone directory assistance revealed a telephone number of [REDACTED] as being listed to [REDACTED] b7C

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Salt Lake City Division FBI indices revealed no record for [REDACTED] b7C

Inquiry into BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INFORMATION (BCI), Utah criminal history record, revealed no record for [REDACTED] b7C

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